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## **Butt-Holdsworth Memorial Library will host “Adelsverein”**

Celia Hayes, author of the trilogy: “Adelsverein”, will be here in Kerrville on Saturday, February 28, 2009 to present a program on her new books. The presentation will take place at the Butt-Holdsworth Memorial Library downstairs Meeting Room at 1 PM.

In this trilogy, the author writes of the epic story of the German settlements in the Texas Hill Country during 1847. It is a historical novel of 7,000 German immigrants and their families, and their struggles on the new frontier. Book One is called The Gathering, a saga of family and community loyalties. Book Two is called The Sowing and it follows the fortunes of 19<sup>th</sup> century German settlers who came to Texas seeking land and political freedom. Book Three is The Harvesting and brings the saga of the Becker and Richter families to a triumphant conclusion.

As stated by Celia Hayes, “Imagine 7,000 German immigrants and their families, dumped onto the untamed Texas frontier in 1847 and left to fend for themselves. What kind of life could they build for themselves and their children? Adelsverein has the story, offering operatic levels of adventure, drama, war, true love, sudden death and stolen children. (And cows. Lots of cows. This is Texas, after all).”

Celia Hayes has her degree in English Literature from California State University Northridge. In the United States Air Force, she was trained as a radio and television broadcast specialist, and served for 20 years in various locations around the world. She currently resides in San Antonio.

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